



City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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Gaithersburg Celebrates Green Month with Proclamation, A Clean-up Day and a Screening of *Potomac: The River Runs Through Us*

Gaithersburg, MD (March 4, 2019) The City of Gaithersburg invites you to participate in activities that celebrate and improve the environment during Gaithersburg Green Month in April. In addition to being fun and educational, it is also a great way for students to earn service learning credits while making our community a better place to live. This year's Green Month features a special screening of *Potomac: The River Runs Through Us*.

Green Month/Arbor Day Proclamation

Monday, April 1, 7:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 31 S. Summit Ave.

With an official proclamation, the Mayor and City Council will designate April as "Gaithersburg Green Month" and May 3 as "Arbor Day" in the City of Gaithersburg. Annual Environmental Awards will be presented earlier that evening.

Environmental Film Night

Sunday, April 7, Doors open 7:15 p.m., Film 7:30 p.m., Arts Barn, 311 Kent Square Rd.

Presented by the City of Gaithersburg Environmental Affairs Committee

Join us for a special FREE screening of [*Potomac: The River Runs Through Us*](#), a documentary that follows the flow of the Potomac water from its origin, into our homes and businesses and back into the river. The film makes aware the need to protect this essential resource and how the wellbeing of those who live in the Potomac River watershed is intertwined with the health of the Potomac. Admission is free; seating is limited and registration is encouraged by calling Gaithersburg Environmental Services at 301-258-6370.

Community GreenUp Day

Saturday, April 13, 9 a.m. to noon, various locations

Spring cleaning takes on a new meaning during this year's Community GreenUp Day. Join hundreds of volunteers as they make a difference throughout the community by cleaning up and beautifying local streams, parks, and homeowner association common areas. The City is looking for volunteers. Students can earn student service learning credits by participating. If you or your organization would like more information about volunteering, please contact Michael Weyand at 240-805-1320 or e-mail environment@gaithersburgmd.gov.

As part of GreenUp Day on April 13, the City is co-sponsoring a Muddy Branch Creek clean-up event at Malcolm King Park with Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake and the Muddy Branch Alliance. Meet at the

Northeast entrance of the park at the end of West Side Drive at 9 a.m. Sign up for this event [here](#). For more information, contact Kolya Braun-Greiner at kolya@interfaithchesapeake.org, 301-909-894.

Make a Difference Day

Thursday, April 25

Use less! Do more! Make a commitment to change a few habits for the benefit of our environment. Click [here](#) for suggestions on how you can improve the environment in your daily life and in our community.

Montgomery County GreenFest

Sunday, April 28, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton, MD 20902

This free, family-friendly event connects residents to local and national environmental leaders and green businesses and products and features live musicians, drummers and dancers, kids tree climbing, 80+ vendors and exhibitors, an electric vehicle and car show, food trucks, and more. Walk the trails, chill out on the grass, and explore the fabulous Visitor and Nature Centers, all while discovering how you can go green at home and in the community. Learn more at montgomerycountygreenfest.org.

For more information about participating in Green Month, call 301-258-6370 or e-mail environment@gaitHERsburgmd.gov.

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